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SUBJECT:SENEGALESE POSITIONS AT UNGA

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1. SENEGALESE AMBASSADOR TO US COULBARY CALLED AT DEPARTMENT (AF/W) ON NOVEMBER 7 TO DESCRIBE HIS OCTOBER 28 MEETING IN PARIS WITH PRESIDENT SENGHOR AND FOREIGN MINISTER SECK. COULBARY WENT TO PARIS AFTER ASST SEC DAVIS HAD CONVOKED HIM ON OCTOBER 24 TO STRESS AGAIN IMPORTANCE OF KOREAN ISSUE AND OUR STRONG DISSATISFACTION WITH GOS PERMREP FALL'S ACTIVITIES ON THAT ISSUE AT UNGA.

2. COULBARY SAID SENGHOR HAD EMPHASIZED HIS HOPE THAT SENEGAL'S VOTE ON KOREA ISSUE WOULD NOT AFFECT OUR OTHERWISE GOOD BILATERAL RELATIONS. ON SENGHOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
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GOS AMBASSADOR TO PARIS (THE MOST SENIOR AMBASSADOR)

TELEPHONED FALL ON OCTOBER 28 AND TOLD HIM TO MODERATE HIS ACTIONS DURING KOREAN ISSUE DEBATE, SO AS "NOT TO IRRITATE THE AMERICANS." COULBARY WAS INSTRUCTED TO DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH FALL AND TO SUGGEST HE TEMPER HIS APPROACH. COULBARY SAID HE HAD TELEPHONED FALL, AND PLANNED TO GO TO NEW YORK, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10 TO DELIVER LETTER ON SAME SUBJECT TO FALL FROM SENGHOR.

3. IN LETTER, A COPY OF WHICH WAS SHOWN TO DESK OFFICER, SENGHOR INSTRUCTED FALL TO MODERATE HIS PARLIMENTARY EXCESSES IN THE PERIOD LEADING TO KOREAN ISSUE VOTE. HOWEVER, FALL WAS NOT INSTRUCTED TO CHANGE GOS POSITION ON ISSUE.

4. COULBARY SAID THAT SENGHOR WOULD PREFER A COMPROMISE ON KOREAN ISSUE WHICH WOULD ALLOW BOTH KOREAS TO WORK TO FIND A SOLUTION AND WHICH WOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF BILATERAL TREATY BETWEEN USG AND ROK. WE POINTED OUT HOSTILE RESOLUTION DOES NEITHER. COULBARY, WHO WAS CLEARLY UNCOMFORTABLE EXPLAINING VIEWS HE UNDERSTANDS COULD AFFECT BILATERAL RELATIONS, EXPLAINED THAT "REQUIREMENTS" OF AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARITY AND FACT THAT MANY PERCEIVED KOREA AS LAST REMNANT OF LONG HISTORY IMPERIALISM IN ASIA AFTER "RECENT CHANGES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA" MEANT THAT GOS WOULD CONTINUE ITS PRESENT POSITION ON KOREAN ISSUE. COULBARY WENT TO GREAT LENGTHS TO EXPLAIN GOS HIGH REGARD FOR BOTH KOREAS; GOS' "RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY" OF BOTH, AND HIS OWN RECOGNITION OF SKILL AND CHARACTER OF ROK AMBASSADOR IN DAKAR. HE CLEARLY UNDERSTANDS INCONSISTENCY OF THIS VIEW AND GOS POSITION, BUT DOUBTS A CHANGE IS POSSIBLE AT THIS LATE DATE.

5. ZIONISM AS RACISM RESOLUTUION: COULBARY, AFTER POINTING OUT HE WAS NOT FULLY PRIVY TO GOS DECISIONS ON THIS VOTE, SAID HE BELIEVED SENEGAL WOULD VOTE FOR THE RESOLUTION BECAUSE OF ARAB-MUSLIM-AFRICAN SOLIDARITY AND FACT THAT SENGHOR WOULD BE TOURING ARAB STATES WHEN RESOLUTION CAME TO VOTE.

6. COULBARY POINTED OUT THAT MOUSTAPHA NIASSE, SENGHOR'S
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CABINET DIRECTOR, (REFTEL B) NOW WITH GOS DELEGATION AT UNGA IS EXTREMELY INFLUENTIAL. COULBARY SUGGESTED THAT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN USUN OFFICIALS AND NIASSE COULD BE USEFUL. KISSINGER

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